CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 13.08.2013

The meeting was a **MEMBER'S MEETIN**G at which members of the Society made presentations of their own collections. 13 members were present.

Prior to the meeting, Gregory Loh displayed some pages of a photographic record of the Society's activities during the past months.

President Brian Asquith declared the meeting open at 7.40pm.

1. **Alan Holverson – Egypt & Gibraltar:**
   Alan presented commemorative stamps of **Egypt** from 1929 which showed the head of King Farouk. Stamps were produced of the King to celebrate his 9th and 18th birthday and the Royal Wedding.
   Alan also showed some stamps of **Gibraltar** with the head of Queen Elizabeth II.

2. **Brian Asquith – China:**
   Brian has a friend David Lu in China that he corresponds with on a regular basis, mainly at Christmas and New Year. As a result he was able to display a variety of postal stationary envelopes sent from **China** over a number of years.

3. **David Taylor – Germany:**
   David presented material from the Post Office Giro and Savings Bank of **Germany.** In 1939 vending machines were used by the German Post Office but there were early problems in the implementation. By 1942 the machines fell into disuse. David showed material on the Giro and Saving Bank including a card to open an account, confirmation letter on opening an account and a savings booklet.

4. **Graham Harker – Great Western Railway:**
Graham showed a letter of 1849 which was carried on the **Great Western Railway** built by Isambard Kingdom Brunel. The letter was sent by the firm White, Eyre and White on 20th June 1849 and the 1d red imperf stamp was stamped at Laytonstone Post Office. It was sent from Paddington Station in London to Temple Mead Station in Bristol where it arrived on 21st June 1849 before being delivered to Messrs Short and Strickland in Bristol. Graham produced a transcript of the letter plus a sheet on Paddington Station.

5. **Malcolm Domingo – Indian States:**
Malcolm showed material he had bought at a Stanley Gibbons sale of the Harrel collection. He showed stamps and postal stationary of the **Indian States** of Bhopal, Bursahir, Charkhari, Duttia, Jhalawar, Mahe and Soruth. Often the paper used for the stamps is of a poor quality.

6. **Frank Simpson – Hannover:**
Frank showed part of his **Hannover** collection concerned with the French occupation of Hannover from 1792-1815. There were 16 regiments (armies) involved in the occupation. Frank presented a variety of letters from various members of the regiments plus some ephemera such as a notice from Napolean plus certificates authorizing payments following the sacking of Copenhagen.

7. **John Schofeld – Marshal Ney:**
John presented material acquired on **Marshal Ney** and his life, 1769-1815. There was a biography of his life and achievements, a portrait of the Marshal, two covers and a set of stamps with the Marshall's head produced by Saarland.

Members viewed the exhibits. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Graham Harker, Hon. Assistant Secretary.
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